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Brewery Workers -  
Detroit - Toronto

October 26, 1953

To: MEMBERS OF POLICY COMMITTEE  
NAT'L CONF. OF BREWERY & SOFT DRINK WORKERS

Dear Sir and Brother:

Enclosed is a report by Brother Gene Brody, who has been retained by the National Conference of Brewery and Soft Drink Workers to do some organizing work, on his recent efforts in the Detroit and Toronto areas.

I am sure that you will find much of interest in this report.

You will be advised of any of any new developments as they occur.

Faternally yours,

*Ray Schoesling*  
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**REPORT ON DETROIT AND TORONTO**  
**E.B. BRODY**

**DETROIT, MICHIGAN:**

To date more than fifty of the approximate three hundred and fifty overall members of the Brewers Local in Detroit have been denied employment. Unfair Labor practice charges have been filed with the N. L. R. B., citing the individual Companies and the International Union of Brewery Workers, C. I. O., as the violators. These charges are based mostly on the basis of discrimination, as in the great majority of cases, the men singled out for discharge are the former officers, shop stewards, and committeemen from the rebellious Local. The field examiner for the Board has so far committed himself to the extent that it was an act of discrimination for Union activity, in his opinion, but, of course, he will make no predictions as to the final decision of the Board.

Meanwhile, there has been a woeful lack of leadership on the part of the Local, mainly because they allowed the membership to lose interest, momentarily at least, in the original move to separate themselves from the International Union, and when the time arrives, to affiliate with the Brewery Workers Conference of the Teamsters Union. I doubt very much if, even after the great disappointment of being forced to go back to the Trustee of the International Union of the Brewery Workers, C. I. O., and pay up their delinquent dues in order to remain employed, the bitterness toward the International Union which has brought about this entire controversy has subsided to any great degree. On this basis, I have advised, and they have already put into effect, a plan to keep their headquarters open, and ask the members to continue to pay a nominal fee of \$1.00 per month to take care of rent, telephone, etc., so that they will have a base to operate from.

I am of the opinion that, as soon as the unfair Labor practice charges are disposed of, we should move to disaffiliate from the Operating Engineers, and affiliate with the Teamsters. Should there at that time be any question of misunderstanding as far as any prior commitments of your Local Teamsters' Council in Detroit and that of Walter Reuther, President of the C. I. O., I am sure that the matter will be ironed out by our top officials to the satisfaction of all concerned. I did not call in any of the New York Committee, as I felt that their coming in at this time would be a waste of money and time. When we are ready to move in Detroit, however, it will be of great significance to have New York represented; as there is much speculation among the Detroit members as to how New York moved so rapidly and so successfully in their disaffiliation.



TORONTO, CANADA:

I arrived in Toronto, Ontario, on Saturday, October 17th, and immediately contacted John Gavin, Secretary of Local No. 204, and was informed that a special meeting of his membership had been called for upon the insistence of the International Union, C.I.O., for Sunday, October 18th, to take up the matter of that Local's refusing so far to pay the special assessment of the \$1.00 monthly for the final five months of 1952. He and I discussed the advisability of my attending that meeting, if possible, and to counteract statements of Regional Director Sims, who had been assigned to attend the meeting on behalf of the International Union. I finally agreed with his thinking that the meeting might be "stacked", and in that event I would be denied the right to speak, and possibly not even be admitted.

As it turned out, it was well that I did not attend, as only 37 out of a total of 700 were present, and a majority of the 37 were International stooges. The meeting was a complete failure from the standpoint of the original objective of the International Union, as, upon viewing the very slim attendance, Sims kept his remarks within the scope of loyalty to the International Union in its time of trial, and assured the group that he would return at a reasonable time to take up the matter of delinquent assessments, when a more representative audience would be present.

Secretary Gavin points out to me that the time is not ripe for affiliation with the Teamsters, mostly because of some recent strikes in that locality, as well as some incidents that took place during and after said strikes, and suggests that if we can first admit this Local to the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, it would be a matter of only a short time when they would become affiliated with the Brewery and Soft Drink Workers Conference. I will leave this angle of his thinking for your consideration, and whatever you arrive at, you may so advise.

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*Inter-Office Communication*

From the Office of the General President

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*Brewery Workers -  
Detroit - Toronto*

Date June 12, 1953

To Ann:

Subject Phone: Mac Arthur - Toronto  
10:00 A.M.

Mr. Mac Arthur called re the Brewery Workers - Quebec.

A Mr. Steve Brody of Milwaukee Wisconsin contacted Mr. Mac Arthur yesterday, and Mr. Mac Arthur met with Mr. Brody last night.

Mr. Brody states he was sent to Toronto by Mr. Seeban of Milwaukee, and stated that Mr. Seeban was acting for the Teamsters interests at this time. Mr. Mac Arthur has another meeting with Mr. Brody at noon today, and requests information as to whether or not he can speak with Brody with the authority of the International Union.

Since the meeting will be at noon, Mac Arthur requested that he be advised by phone immediately. Telephone: ~~Empire~~ 6-4441 - Toronto.

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Brewery Workers -  
Detroit - Toronto

*Brewing, Malting, Yeast & General L-X*  
**LOCAL UNION No. 6**

I. B. T. C. W. & H. of A. - A. F. L.

3631 SALEMA STREET

ST. LOUIS 18, MO.

March 25, 1953

Mr. Einar Mohn, Vice President  
International Brotherhood of Teamsters  
100 Indiana Ave.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Einar:

I thought the enclosed might be of some interest to you. I received this the other day from Henry Mitchell, Secretary of the Detroit Brewers and Maltsters Union.

I followed up with a long distance phone call to him and obtained additional information. I inquired of him why they had affiliated with the A.F.L. Operating Engineers and he said it was because of their trade position, more than anything. In addition to that, they have petitioned the NLRB in Washington to substantiate their trade. It seems as if Mr. Paradise disclaims any knowledge of such.

He further stated, that the mention of Teamsters in Detroit is rather a sensitive expression and that he, a few days ago, talked to John Hoh of New York C.I.O. Brewery Workers, about taking the same road that his organization took. This is hard to believe, that Hoh would even consider an approach to the A.F.L. as he has always been violently C.I.O. However, I understand that between Detroit, New York and Milwaukee, there is a definite move in the making and that the Operating Engineers are holding their convention somewhere, sometime in May of this year and that a committee from Milwaukee and New York will meet with Mitchell for the purpose of discussing A.F.L. Operating Engineers affiliation.

I think I understand Uncle Dave's strategy. Let the C.I.O. Brewery workers affiliate with any A.F.L. International for the time being, by each move, Cincinnati becomes weaker. The climax comes whenever Dave sees fit to exercise the A.F.L. Council Mandate, that all Brewery workers must belong to the Teamsters.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

*Robert J. [Signature]*  
Secretary

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Brewing, Malting, Yeast & General Labor  
**LOCAL UNION No. 8**

I. B. T. C. W. & H. of A. - A. F. L.

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DETROIT BREWERS AND MALTSTERS UNION.

3381 Mack Ave.  
Detroit 7, Mich.  
March 20, 1953

Mr. Robert Lewis  
Brewers and Maltsters Union  
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Sir and Brother:

I expect that this will come as a surprise to you, in view of the many changes that have taken place since I last wrote you almost one year back.

I don't know if you will have heard that we (former Local #3) on last January 4th, disaffiliated with the International Union of Brewery Workers and affiliated with the International Union of Operating Engineers, A.F.L. on February 8th, last.

Last July, in special convention (on the floor) we warned the International about conditions here, but they took no notice until we took action, then they sent McCann and four others in here; McCann as Trustee but he appeared rather taken back when I refused to turn anything over to him. They then took the next procedure in Court and got a permanent Injunction in line of thought with the International constitution. McCann is occupying office with Locals' 38 and 181.

For the past few years we felt that the International no longer truly represented the Brewery Workers-more particularly the Brewers and that sooner or later our CRAFT would be in jeopardy the latter "with no great surprise to us" was borne out by Paradise in our recent hearing before the NLRB here; he endeavored to prove that Brewers no longer had a trade-just ordinary production workers.

I am interested in having your opinion on the idea of establishing a Brewers and Maltsters Union (as such) within the A.F.L.

I believe Greater New York is about ready to go our way and as late as yesterday over phone, New York said they were contacting

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